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- 1. THIRD WEEK HAS NOW PASSED WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN MATSUMOTO KIDNAPPING CASE. LAST PRESUMED AUTHENTIC CONTACT WITH KIDNAPPERS WAS THAT OF MAY 27 REPORTED IN PARA 3 OF SAN SALVADOR 2665.
- 2. SINCE THEN, JAPANESE COMPANY ISINCA HAS ATTEMPTED BY SUBTLE PUBLIC PRESEE INSERTION TO SUGGEST TO KIDNAPPERS THAT IT STANDS PREPARED FINANCIALLY TO ASSIST MATSUMOTO FAMILY IN ANY RANSOM NEGOTIATION.
- 3. YUBAN NARITA (PARA 2 REFTEL) IS EN ROUTE BACK TO TOKYO, WILL BE AVAILABLE BRIEFLY IN WASHINGTON, AND MENTIONED POSSIBILITY HE MIGHT CONTACT DEPARTMENT THROUGH NISHIMURA OF JAPANESE EMBASSY THERE. NARITA IS BEING REPLACED HERE BY JAPANESE OFFICER DETAILED FROM NEW YORK CITY.
- 4. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR VISITED ME ON JUNE 9, EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR OUR FREQUENT CONSULTATIONS CONFIDENTIAL

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WITH JAPANESE ON THIS CASE, AND DISCUSSED IT WITH ME AT SOME LENGTH.

5. NOT TO BE OVERLOOKED IS FACT THAT SOME GLACIER-LIKE PROGRESS MAY BE IN PROCESS TOWARD MEETING SOME OF KIDANPPERS' POLITICAL DEMANDS. EACH DAY'S PRESS CARRIES NEWS OF AN INCREASING NUMBER OF PERSONS ORIGINALLY DETAINED UNDER LAW FOR DEFENSE OF PUBLIC ORDER WHOSE CASES ARE BEING SPED TO CONCLUSION. TO THE EXTENT THAT A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF SUCH PERSONS ARE SET FREE, AT LEAST ONE OF THE POLITICAL DEMANDS IS BEING PARTIALLY FULFILLED. AND IF WE ARE RIGHT THAT GOES MAY BE MOVING TOWARD MITIGATION OR OUTRIGHT REPEAL OF LAW FOR DEFENSE OF PUBLIC ORDER (SAN SALVADOR 2922), ANOTHER SUCH DEMAND MIGHT SOON BE SATISFIED, EVEN THOUGH WITHOUT EXPLICIT REFERENCE TO ITS BEING IN RESPONSE TO PRESSURE OF MATSUMOTO KIDNAPPERS.

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